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The Television

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The Television

The little boy runs home
to find his mother
upside down in a closet

He can never sleep at night, now
unseen visitors stalk the house
a noise a minute

He spends his time
gathering thoughts into a notebook
thinking
gathering
momentum

He spends his time
in the darkness of one room
sitting
staring
gathering
momentum

He spends his time
in front of an old black and white television
that was his mother's
the blood on the cop shows
is real
and red

— Tom Nicol